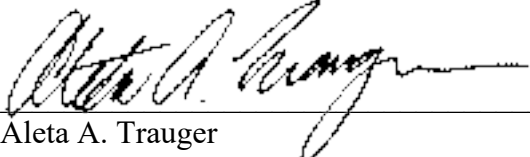


court's "well settled . . . authority to dismiss sua sponte a lawsuit for failure to prosecute." *Carpenter v. City of Flint*, 723 F.3d 700, 704 (6th Cir. 2013). In view of the plaintiff's pro se status, as well as the preference for disposing of cases on their merits, the court finds dismissal without prejudice to be the appropriate disposition here. *See Mulbah v. Detroit Bd. of Educ.*, 261 F.3d 586, 591 (6th Cir. 2011).

Accordingly, this action is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to prosecute and to comply with the court's orders.

It is so **ORDERED**.



Aleta A. Trauger
United States District Judge